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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of **Almantas GALVANAUSKAS, Donald J. HARTER, Martin E. FERMANN and Ferenc RAKSI**  
**MICROCHIP-Yb FIBER HYBRID OPTICAL AMPLIFIER FOR MICRO-MACHINING AND MARKING**  
Assignee: **IMRA AMERICA, INC.**  
Our Ref: **A8640**

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/317,221 (Confirmation No.: 8331) filed May 24, 1999 of Almantas GALVANAUSKAS, Donald J. HARTER, Martin E. FERMANN and Ferenc RAKSI entitled MICROCHIP-Yb FIBER HYBRID OPTICAL AMPLIFIER FOR MICRO-MACHINING AND MARKING, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/116,241 filed July 16, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,208,458, which is a Continuation-in-Part Application of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 08/822,967 filed March 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,181,463.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 5 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3663.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This is a Continuation Application of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/317, 221 filed May 24, 1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/116,241 filed July 16, 1998, now US Patent No. 6,208,458, which is a Continuation-in-Part Application of U.S. Appln. Serial No. 08/822,967 filed March 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,181,463. --

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/317,221. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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